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SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENT VISITS GABON

1. TOGOLESE PRESIDENT GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, WITH SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS, ARRIVED LIBREVILLE MORNING MAY 18 FOR 24 HOUR VISIT. ACCORDING LOCAL MEDIA EYADEMA HELD TWO WORKING SESSIONS WITH GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, NOTABLY THOSE PREOCCUPYING ZAIRE AT THE PRESENT. IN PUBLIC INTERVIEW EYADEMA STRONGLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT BONGO'S APPEAL TO OAU MEMBER STATES TO COME TO SUPPORT OF ZAIRE, CITING THE TOGOLESE PROVERB THAT SAYS, "IF YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE IS ON FIRE, ONE MUST HELP HIM TO PUT IT OUT OR ELSE YOUR OWN TURN WILL FOLLOW."

2. WHEN EYADEMA ARRIVED, HE DECLARED HIMSELF TO BE AGAINST ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, STATING "AFRICA IS INDEPENDENT; WE WANT TO SETTLE OUR OWN PROBLEMS OURSELVES." ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN HE RETURNED TO LOME, EYADEMA CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF THE EURO-AFRICAN SECURITY PACT PROPOSED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND SUPPORTED FRENCH ACTION IN ZAIRE. HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN PARIS NEXT WEEK (WHICH HE WILL ATTEND), WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, SECURITY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY BECAUSE

"WITHOUT SECURITY THERE CAN BE NO DEVELOPMENT."

3. AMONG THOSE IDENTIFIED BY GABONESE PRESS AS TRAVELING
WITH TOGOLESE PRESIDENT WERE MINISTERS OF INFORMATION
AND CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR AS WELL AS SECRETARY GENERAL
OF RASSEMBLEMENT DU PEUPLE TOGOLAIS.TIENKEN

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